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## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting January 13, 2014

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Rodney Towne	Selectman
	Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman
	Christine Quirk	Selectman
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator

Laura Bernard, Kerri Kelley, Laura Robbins, Sarah Chapman, Recreation Director Mike Sindoni, Willard Dodge, Gail Parker, Police Chief James Brace, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Lisa and Dan Rothman, Louise Robie, Cathy Morrissey and Finance Committee members Bill Gould, Kim Colbert, Brandy Mitroff and Roch Larochelle and two other members of the public were present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Christine Quirk at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Brandy Mitroff asked if it is necessary to have so many Planning Board Warrant Articles as many seem to relate to the same thing and she is concerned if some pass and some don't then the regulations might conflict. Peter said they are separated because they amend separate sections. He will work on this tomorrow morning to see if they can be grouped.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 1: 250<sup>th</sup> Committee Acknowledgement:** The Selectmen presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee members and expressed appreciation for this successful citizen-based celebration.

**Item 2: Presentation of a Petition Warrant Article-Citizen Alliance:** Peter noted a petitioned Warrant Article was submitted. These are allowed to be accepted until tomorrow by law. This Article is for a constitutional amendment and has nothing to do with local budgets. 500 New Hampshire towns are putting this forward. This will go on the New Boston ballot. The Selectmen do not take a position on this or vote.

### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 3: Adoption of the Public Minutes of January 6, 2014:** The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting. Rodney moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

With no further business, a recess was taken from 6:17 to 6:30 PM.

**6:30 PM**

**Item 4: PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2014 BUDGET Presentation of Entire 2014 Budget Consisting of Operating Budget and Warrant Articles:** This Public Hearing was advertised and posted as required. The Warrant was reviewed beginning at Article 18 for the Operating Budget. All Warrant Articles were read for the record. There were no questions or comments until Article 25 when Brandy asked if the Revaluation was always under a CRF. Peter noted it is listed in the budget as a CRF, a vote is always needed to withdraw funds and the Revaluation will occur again in 2016. This annual Warrant Article has always been worded this way since he has been the Town Administrator. He will review Town Reports to confirm. The fund was a choice made by the Selectmen, CIP Committee and Finance Committee and is not required by law.

Article 29 is a petition Warrant Article to be added. At least 25 qualifying signatures were obtained a required. Cathy Morrissey was present and said this Article came about after recent legislation giving corporations the same rights, including constitutional rights, as citizens which is problematic.

A recess was taken from 6:42-6:48 PM to research Article 25 as above.

It was confirmed that the Revaluation funding Article was written the same way last year. It was written inconsistently in previous years but the CRF was mentioned in the Article explanation in 2009. The Article will be kept as is for now and if another fund source is found it will be changed in subsequent years.

Revenues are available upon request.

Rodney moved that this public hearing shall recess until 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in order to allow one final day, as required by state statute, to accept any 'Petition' Warrant Articles for review by the Board of Selectmen as part of this public hearing. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*